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**CSM William D. McDaniel, Jr.**  
**Command Sergeant Major**  
**Gulf Region Division, (Iraq)**  
**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

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Command Sergeant Major William D. McDaniel Jr. is a native of Indiana. He has served the U.S. Army for over 32 years. He joined the U.S. Army Reserve in the Delayed Entry Program on 16 May 1975 and he reported for Active Duty Training on 4 August 1975. He completed Basic Combat Training and Engineer Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. CSM McDaniel started his military career serving as a Crane Operator in the Airborne, Communication and Electronic Board, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He served as Squad Leader in A CO, 249<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy), Karlsruhe, Germany and B CO, 317<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion (Corps Wheeled), Frankfurt, Germany. He served as a Section Sergeant in HHC, 317<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Company (Corps Wheeled), Frankfurt, Germany. His Platoon Sergeant assignments include: D CO, 79<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy), Karlsruhe, Germany; 63<sup>rd</sup> Ordnance Company, 593<sup>rd</sup> Support Group, Fort Lewis, WA. He served as Senior Drill Sergeant in C CO, 3<sup>rd</sup> Training Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He served as the 62N BNCOC Small Group Leader at Libby NCO Academy, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

As a Master Sergeant, he served as the NCOIC Directorate of Installation Support (ARCENT-Kuwait), Camp Doha, Kuwait and as the Operations Sergeant for Company A, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. His First Sergeant assignments include: Chief of BNCOC, Libby NCO Academy, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; 2<sup>nd</sup> Staff & Faculty Transportation Company, 765 & 71<sup>st</sup> Transportation Battalions, Fort Eustis, Virginia; 497<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company (Port Construction), 6<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion, Fort Eustis, Virginia, (deployed this unit to Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy); B CO 577<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and finally Chief of Drill Sergeant School, Libby NCO Academy, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

CSM McDaniel's Command Sergeant Major assignments include: served as acting CSM for the 6<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Transportation Group, Fort Eustis, Virginia for six months; the Command Sergeant Major of the 864<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Pacemakers at Fort Lewis, Washington; the Commandant of the Maneuver Support Center Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Drill Sergeant School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; the Regimental Command Sergeant Major, U. S. Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; the Command Sergeant Major of the Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood and he is now currently serving as the Command Sergeant Major of the Gulf Region Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Baghdad, Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom).

His military schools include: Basic Leadership Course, (Honor Graduate); Primary Leadership Course, (Distinguished Leader Graduate); Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course; Drill Sergeant School, (Top 20% Graduate & Commandant's Award); Master Fitness School; Sergeants Major Academy, (Top 20% Graduate), and the Command Sergeant Major Designee Course. He is a member of the prestigious SGT Morales Club. He holds an Associate of Science Degree in Engineer Construction Management from Park University. He has over four years of college and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Management.

CSM McDaniel's awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit; the Meritorious Service Medal, with five oak leaf clusters; the Army Commendation Medal, with five oak leaf clusters; the Army Achievement Medal, with four oak leaf clusters; the Good Conduct Medal with five silver loops; the National Defense Service Medal, with Bronze Star; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star; the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal; the NCO Professional Ribbon with #4 device; the Army Service Ribbon; the Overseas Ribbon with #3 device; the Iraq Campaign Medal; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (Haiti); the Army Superior Unit Award (Transformation of MANSCEM NCOA); the Combat Action Badge (Iraq) and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge. He has also been recognized and awarded the Transportation Corps' Saint Christopher Medal and the Army Engineer Association's Bronze and Silver de Fleury Medals. He was selected from Military Engineer Noncommissioned Officers (NCO) in the US Army, US Marines, US Navy and US Air Force and was recognized by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) as the first recipient of the SAME NCO Medal in 2007.

CSM McDaniel is married to the former Sammantha Luthy from Lebanon, Missouri. They have four children: Erin-20, Jessica - 18, Joshua -16, and McKenzie Grace - 2. They reside in Niangua, Missouri.